

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 17-19, 21-24, 26 and 28-32 are pending, with Claims 18, 24, 26 and 28-32 being withdrawn from consideration. Claims 17, 21, 22 and 26 are amended and Claims 7-10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is introduced.

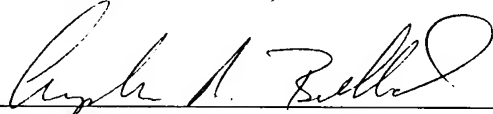
In response to the Election Requirements dated December 29, 2008 and February 4, 2009 Applicants elect, without traverse Species II, and list Claims 17, 19, 21-23 as readable thereon, and Claim 17 as generic.

Applicant respectfully submits that the indication that there is no generic claim is in error. Specifically, Claim 17 reads on all embodiments of Species I and II, and should thus be considered generic. Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims, directed to non-elected species, which include the limitations of an allowable generic claim, as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a).

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem that a personal or telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing this application toward allowance, he or she is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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